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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

Submitted herewith is a Japanese Office Action for the Examiner's consideration. Also submitted is a PTO-1449 listing JP 11-288420, JP 7-234881, JP 8-95585, JP 9-130776, JP 9-198058, JP 10-222184, JP 11-95782, JP 11-219188, JP 2000-68955 and JP 2000-181464 (with English Abstract and Unedited Computer-Generated English translation) (first cited) and JP 7-134717, JP 9-212181, JP 10-161679, and JP 1152965, which were previously filed on July 10, 2001 and August 29, 2005.

RELATED CASES

Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.

CERTIFICATION

- References JP 11-288420, JP 7-234881, JP 8-95585, JP 9-130776, JP 9-198058, JP 10-222184, JP 11-95782, JP 11-219188, JP 2000-68955 and JP 2000-181464 contained in this information disclosure statement were first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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